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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

In an International Search Report, dated October 23, 2001 for counterpart International Application No. PCT/JP01/06336, the following documents were cited:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-42163, which was published on February 13, 1998, was cited as an X-Category document (i.e., document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone) with respect to claims 1, 2, 19,

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20, and 31 of the International application. This document was also cited as an A-Category document (i.e., document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance) with respect to claims 3-18, and 21-30 of the International application. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 6,002,454 to KAJIWARA et al., which issued December 14, 1999, and European Patent Application EP 821519 A are family member documents; and

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 6-230736, which was published on August 19, 1994, was cited as an A-Category document with respect to claims 1-30 of the International application. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 5,389,859 to STESSEN et al., which issued on February 14, 1995, and European Patent Application EP 589512 A are family member documents.

Further, Applicants call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Patent No. 2822469 (corresponding to HEI 3-69273), which was published on September 4, 1998, together with English language counterpart U.S. Patent No. 5,290,681 to KURODA et al., which issued on March 1, 1994; and

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-162702, which was published on June 23, 1995, together with an English language Abstract and a partial English language translation of the same.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents and enclosed translation. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and are listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the

present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted, Masanori NAKATSUJI et al.

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